

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION “Softly and Tenderly”

CHOIR “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

DISMISSAL

NOTES

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 27

Love and Traditions – November 9, 2025

AS WE GATHER

We are not far from the “holiday season.” In the secular world, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s roll into one big celebration. It is typical to have holiday traditions around special times of the year. Traditions can serve to make some moments more memorable and meaningful. But sometimes traditions add stress to an already hectic calendar or distract us from the real reason for celebrating. Before jumping headlong into the holiday season, soak up this moment in worship. See how the Lord repeatedly meets us with His best. See how surrounding ourselves with His Word and sacramental gifts truly makes us ready to celebrate, for this season and forever!

PRESERVICE SONGS “Just As I Am” (Led by the Praise Team)
 “Change My Heart” (Led by the Praise Team)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ PREPARATION ✦

RINGING OF THE BELL

SONG “Days of Elijah”

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 118:24; 1 John 3:1; John 13:35;
1 Corinthians 16:14*

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made;
People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
People: **that we should be called children of God; and so we are.**

Pastor: Jesus said, “By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

People: Let all that you do be done in love.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Colossians 1:13–14*
Pastor: The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness
People: **and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Pastor: Almighty God and Father,
People: **we confess, as Your people, our need for Your merciful kindness. We are prisoners of our own wants, our own traditions, and our own inborn sinfulness. Our actions and interactions often fail as reflections of Your kingdom. Our thoughts and desires often reflect the domain of darkness You have delivered us from. We often act out of our love for ourselves, rather than our love for others or for You. Forgive us and free us, Lord, to love what You love and go where You lead, all by the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

SONG OF PRAISE “I Surrender All”

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 3:1–15*
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17*
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 20:27–40*
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON SONG “Spirit of the Living God”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON “Stand Firm To Love and Traditions” *2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17*

CATECHISM The Third Petition
Pastor: The Third Petition of the Lord’s Prayer:
People: **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: What does this mean?
People: **The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

Pastor: How is God’s will done?
People: **God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
Pastor: Great I Am, who spoke from the burning bush on Sinai’s height, make Your people to know Your voice. Help us to hear Your clear and consistent Word, that we might love what You love and go where You lead. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Great I Am, who heard the cries of Egypt’s slaves, shower Your mercy on the downtrodden, especially victims of oppression and violence. Be their strength and support and bring them comfort and deliverance through the Gospel.
Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Great I Am, who declared Yourself to be the God of the living, battle for our sakes the enemies of death, disease, and disability that threaten our earthly life. Bring Your healing and comfort to. . .and those we name in our hearts in this moment of silence.
Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Great I Am, who revealed Your glory to the world through the Gospel, preserve us in the one true faith, established for every good work and word, that all who believe and belong to You would have the eternal comfort and good hope of grace that comes through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Father and Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**